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Letter dated 21 September 2007 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairperson of the Second Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 3rd plenary meeting of its sixty-second session, on 21 September 2007, pertaining to the allocation of items to the Second Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/62/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 3rd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections III and IV of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(*Signed*) Srgjan **Kerim**

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Allocation of items to the Second Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

2. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [item 41].

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

3. Information and communication technologies for development [item 51].

4. Macroeconomic policy questions [item 52]:

   (a) International trade and development;

   (b) International financial system and development;

   (c) External debt crisis and development.

5. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [item 53]:

   (a) Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development;

   (b) High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development.

   [In accordance with paragraph 6 of resolution 61/191 of 20 December 2006, the General Assembly will hold the 2007 High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development in the fourth quarter of 2007. The High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development will be held on 23 and 24 October 2007.]

6. Sustainable development [item 54]:

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

   (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth session;

(h) Sustainable mountain development;

(i) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy.

7. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) [item 55].

8. Globalization and interdependence [item 56]:

(a) Globalization and interdependence;

(b) Science and technology for development;

(c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

9. Groups of countries in special situations [item 57]:

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

10. Eradication of poverty and other development issues [item 58]:

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);

(b) Women in development;

(c) Human resources development.

11. Operational activities for development [item 59]:

[The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women would be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 59.]

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(b) Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(c) South-South cooperation for development.

12. Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research [item 60].

13. Towards global partnerships [item 61].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

14. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 121].

[The General Assembly decided to allocate item 121 also to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programme of work.]

15. Programme planning [item 129].

[The General Assembly decided to allocate item 129 to all the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.]